



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented*

### **In Recognition of Asthma Awareness Month**

**WHEREAS**, The Hawai'i Society for Respiratory Care recognizes Asthma Awareness Month in Hawai'i to renew its focus on managing this disease and to encourage those suffering from asthma to visit their health professional; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hawai'i Society for Respiratory Care is a volunteer-based, non-profit, professional organization committed to the support of the Respiratory Care Practitioner and to the pulmonary health of the people of Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hawai'i Society for Respiratory Care educates individuals on asthma; a chronic lung disease that inflames and narrows the airways, causing recurring periods of wheezing, chest tightness, shortness of breath and coughing; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hawai'i Society for Respiratory Care understands that asthma affects people of all ages; in the United States, more than 22 million people are affected by this disease, with over 106,000 cases coming from Hawai'i; and

**WHEREAS**, The Hawai'i Society for Respiratory Care provides awareness that with the proper medical care and precautions set-up, asthma can be controlled; by encouraging our family and friends to quit smoking and engage in an active and healthy lifestyle;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2011 as**

### **"ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to support The Hawai'i Society for Respiratory Care efforts to inspire people to find out more about this disease and actively participate in activities and practices to mitigate the effects of asthma.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of May, 2011.

**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**

Governor, State of Hawai'i

**BRIAN SCHATZ**

Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i